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Black and White Warbler

A bird was found dead on the afternoon of September 6, 1935, on Estelle Avenue, Murray Park, Larkspur, Marin County, California. It appeared to be in perfect condition and although it was not warm, there was no sign of decomposition nor any mark of injury. I had passed the spot about three hours before and had not noticed the bird. Undoubtedly it had been killed by striking a large window in which the trees were reflected quite distinctly. Dr. Joseph Grinnell identified it as a Black and White Warbler and Dr. Paul T. Wilson made it into a study skin.

Since this incident I have found several other birds in the same place apparently having been killed in a similar manner.

Margaret H. Dean, Marin Junior College.



Additional Information on Birds of Marin County

The following data on some of the birds listed in "Birds of Marin County" have been received from Gordon Bolander:

White Pelican listed as "transient" remains throughout the winter months on Tomales Bay.

Brown Pelican listed as "summer visitant" found along the coast all winter.

American Egret observed at Hamilton Field, January 6, 1934, and February 2, 1936. (This species was also observed by Commander Parmenter at Bodega, September 19, 1934, and one was seen by Chas. A. Bryant, March 17, 1936. Mrs. Courtright observed eight of them on the Manzanita marshes February 13, 1935. One was seen in Tamalpais Valley, April 30, 1936, by Commander and Mrs. Parmenter. Editor.)

Shoveller Duck observed at Olema, October 21, 1933.

Harlequin Duck listed as "transient" may be found throughout the winter on Tomales Bay.

A pair of Duck Hawks has nested for several years at the entrance of Lamantour Bay, off Drake's Bay. (Two of these birds were observed by a group of people at Point Reyes, May 26, 1935. Editor.)

Pigeon Hawk, a regular winter visitant in small numbers in the Point Reyes area has been seen three or four times each season.

Virginia Rail listed as "rather rare" is abundant in the fresh water marshes below Olema.

Pigeon Guillemots winter in small numbers at Tomales Point.

Pygmy Owls are often heard about our house and on the ridge above the town of Inverness.

Spotted Owl is resident about our house at Inverness. One June 6, 1935, four were heard calling. At another time I watched one as he ate a woodrat and was within ten feet of him at times. These owls are very tame.

Slender-billed Nuthatch: one observed November 14, 1931, at Lansdale and others were seen all last winter at Point Reyes.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: observed at Point Reyes from December 28, 1935, to January 5, 1936.

Dipper: during the last six or seven years I have seen them on several occasions along Paper Mill Creek.

Dusky Warbler: observed at Tomales Point during January, 1934.

Cowbird: observed October 15, 1930, on the Tennessee Cove Road. I have found their eggs in a Willow Goldfinch's nest at Point Reyes Station.

Red Crossbill: seen January 2, 1936, at Point Reyes Station.

White-throated Sparrow: observed at Point Reyes Station, January 4 and February 24, 1935, and January 5, 1936.

Lincoln Sparrow: observed at Point Reyes from December 28, 1935, to January 5, 1936.



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For the benefit of all those who possess a copy of "Birds of Marin County," published by our Association in December, 1933, the following species inadvertently omitted or reported since may be added, bringing the list up to date:

Townsend Warbler (*Dendroica townsendi*). Common winter visitant.

Shoveller Duck (*Spatula clypeata*). Seen by Gordon Bolander at Olema, October 21, 1933.

King Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*). A juvenile female was taken just outside the mouth of Tomales Bay on December 16, 1933, by Mr. James Moffitt. With it were two others which Mr. Moffitt thought were the same species and later he saw another female.

Ring-necked Pheasant (*Pasianus colchicus torquatus*). An introduced species observed by members of the Audubon Association of the Pacific while on a trip to Tennessee Cove, August 13, 1934. Also one was observed south of the boundary line between Marin and Sonoma Counties, November 1, 1934, by Commander and Mrs. Parmenter and Mrs. Stephens.

Western Willet (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*). Observed near Hamlet, October 19, 1934, by Commander and Mrs. Parmenter and Mrs. Stephens.

Black and White Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*). Picked up dead by Margaret H. Dean in Murray Park, September 6, 1935.

Cowbird (species ?) was observed October 15, 1930, on the Tennessee Cove Road, by Gordon Bolander. Also one was observed by Charles A. Bryant, May 13, 1934, at Inverness.

The following data on some of the unusual birds may also be of interest:

Black-bellied Plovers: ten were seen at Bivalve and twenty-five at Hamlet, October 19, 1934, by Commander and Mrs. Parmenter.

Pectoral Sandpipers: three seen October 9, 1934, Olema marshes, by Commander and Mrs. Parmenter.

Marbled Godwit: seen May 26, 1935, at Inverness by Mr. and Mrs. Stephens.

Mockingbird: observed by Mrs. Mary L. Courtright in Larkspur for two weeks previous to January 28, 1935.

Snowy Heron: observed by Mrs. Mary L. Courtright on the Manzanita marshes, February 13, 1936.

Townsend Solitaire: one observed at Sausalito by members of the Audubon while on a trip March 17, 1935.

Long-tailed Chat: one taken in a banding trap by Eric C. Kinsey, at Manor, August 15, 1934. One seen by Commander and Mrs. Parmenter, at Olema, May 31, and three June 3, 1935.

Laura A. Stephens.



Saint Mary's, Contra Costa County

May Field Trip was taken on Sunday, the 17th, to Saint Mary's, Contra Costa County, by twenty-three members and fifteen guests. The day was ideal both as to weather and the number of birds seen. We walked along the highway past the eucalyptus and oak trees, down along a private road which follows the creek, then back, going up Las Trampas canyon past La Salle Lake to the picnic ground, where luncheon was eaten.

After luncheon we continued on up Las Trampas canyon for a short distance. Three of our members, Messrs. B. C. Bremer, C. R. Thomas and Joseph J. Webb, continued on farther up to the ridge and thereby added the California Thrasher, Townsend Warbler and three Bell Sparrows to the list of birds for the day. The rest of the group returned to the picnic grounds and took the road leading down the canyon to the college and birded around the college grounds.

While we were sitting on the steps at the east end of the corridor in front of the church a large flycatcher was seen and identified as a Say Phoebe. From the actions of this bird it was thought that it must have a nest nearby, which proved to be so. It was discovered just over our heads on a beam under the roof. It was a typical Say Phoebe's nest made of grasses and other soft material with some white strings hanging from it over the edge of the beam and it contained four white eggs. Wanting further verification, we moved a short distance away and watched the bird. It finally came to the nest and sat upon it for some time, until it was disturbed. This may be the first record of a nesting Say Phoebe for Contra Costa County.

In the Directory to the Bird-life of the San Francisco Bay Region, by Joseph Grinnell and Margaret W. Wythe, the Say Phoebe is given as a "Sparingly winter visitant"; also: "A few pairs spend the summer, and nest, in the neighborhood of Tesla, extreme eastern Alameda County; eggs, April 22, 1922 (H. W. Carriger, MS.)."

Other nests seen were several of the Western Flycatcher, one containing four eggs; one each of the House Wren, Warbling Vireo, Lawrence Goldfinch and Brewer Blackbird. A Black-headed Grosbeak was discovered singing on his nest.

Two species, the Cedar Waxwing and Say Phoebe, were added to the list of birds observed on our trips to Saint Mary's, which now totals eighty-seven species. The list of sixty-two species for the day is as follows:

Great Blue Heron	Rough-winged Swallow	Yellow Warbler
Turkey Vulture	Cliff Swallow	Pileolated Warbler
Red-tailed Hawk	Coast Jay	Meadowlark
Sparrowhawk	California Jay	Red-winged Blackbird
Quail	Plain Titmouse	Bullock Oriole
Killdeer	Bush-tit	Brewer Blackbird
Spotted Sandpiper	Slender-billed Nuthatch	Black-headed Grosbeak
Mourning Dove	Wren-tit	Lazuli Bunting
Anna Hummingbird	House Wren	English Sparrow
Allen Hummingbird	Bewick Wren	Purple Finch
Red-shafted Flicker	California Thrasher	House Finch
California Woodpecker	Russet-backed Thrush	Pine Siskin
Willow Woodpecker	Western Bluebird	Green-backed Goldfinch
Nuttall Woodpecker	Cedar Waxwing	Lawrence Goldfinch
Ash-throated Flycatcher	Shrike	Brown Towhee
Black Phoebe	Hutton Vireo	Spotted Towhee
Say Phoebe	Cassin Vireo	Chipping Sparrow
Western Flycatcher	Warbling Vireo	Junco
Wood Pewee	Lutescent Warbler	Bell Sparrow
Violet-green Swallow	Townsend Warbler	Song Sparrow
Tree Swallow	Western Tanager	

Laura A. Stephens, Historian.



Audubon Notes

June Meeting: The regular meeting will be held on Thursday, the 11th, at 8 p. m., room 19, Ferry Building.

In place of the regular lecture we will have an informal evening viewing Commander Parmenter's collection of beautiful old English Gould Prints.

If any other members have portraits of birds, they are urged to bring them.



June Field Trip will be taken on Sunday, the 14th, to Ross. Those so desiring may start from Fairfax. Purchase

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round-trip ticket to Ross or Fairfax, 65c. Take Sausalito Ferry at 8:45 a. m. Bring luncheon. Leader, B. K. Dunshee.

Mr. H. van Straaten, of Velp, Holland, member since 1918, died March 6, 1936.

May Meeting: The 226th regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 14th, in room 19, Ferry Building, with forty-six members and guests present.

Dr. J. B. Bostick of San Francisco, was elected to membership.

The following observations were reported:

Mrs. Kelly: Lazuli Bunting, Black-throated Gray Warbler and Ash-throated Flycatcher at Mr. Stocking's house, near Phoenix Lake.

Mrs. C. O. Miller: Lazuli Bunting, Presidio, May 8, 1936.

Mrs. Stephens: Northern Phalarope, one only, Metson Lake, April 25th.

Robt. Taylor: Fox Sparrow, Mt. Diablo, April 9th (late); Bullock Oriole, Oakland, 10th; Black-headed Grosbeak, Scout Camp, 11th; Rough-winged Swallow, East Oakland, 12th; Yellow Warbler, Oakland, 16th; Olive-sided Flycatcher, campus, University of California, 16th; Lazuli Bunting, Diamond Canyon, 19th; Russet-backed Thrush, campus, 20th.

Commander Parmenter: 7 Snowy Herons, 1 Black-necked Stilt, Alvarado, April 15th; 105 Black-bellied Plovers and 4 Knots, last seen April 28th; Spotted Sandpiper, Russet-backed Thrush, Chain of Lakes, May 8th.

Mr. Webb: Olive-sided Flycatcher, Golden Gate Park, April 26th, and Lazuli Bunting, May 3rd.

Mr. Lowell Summer Jr., Wild Life Technician of the National Parks, gave us a scientist's point of view regarding predatory birds and mammals, explaining how they are actually beneficial to the species as a whole upon which they prey and for that reason should not be exterminated. The predators remove the weakly members of a species, thus leaving only the vigorous to increase.

Zoologists agree that the alertness, speed and grace of the deer are born of the necessity of escape from the mountain lion. The antelope, likewise, has survived and developed with its neighbor the wolf. And the same is true of our game birds and other species occupying the same area with the Cooper Hawk.

If the numbers of certain wild life species were not held in check by natural means, the area which they occupy would in time be insufficient to support them. The moose of Isle Royale, the deer in the Kaibab forest and the elk of Yellowstone are examples of extreme increase in protected areas and the consequent overgrazing of shrubs and grasslands.

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